



November 2, 2021

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Via: Submission to public comment portal at  
<https://publiccomment.redistricting.lacounty.gov/>

Dear Commissioners,

The North of Montana Association (NOMA) is one of the nonprofit city-designated neighborhood associations of the city of Santa Monica. We represent the residents -- homeowners, renters, and businesses alike -- residing in the area of Santa Monica north of Montana Avenue to its western and eastern city-limits and have done so since our founding in 1989.

We strongly oppose Draft Option B and any other redistricting proposal that would divide our community into different supervisorial districts. The proposal not only divides our neighborhood, but also divides half of NOMA from the rest of Santa Monica. We, as a Santa Monica and NOMA community, are facing numerous ongoing significant problems. These include impacts of climate change, including fires, Covid-19, and homelessness. Going forward we urgently need unified representation on a county level. This proposal would weaken that by splitting the representation of our long-standing community down the middle. To do so would be unnecessarily damaging to our neighborhood's sense of community, as well as to NOMA's mission to represent all of our residents fairly and equally.

Sincerely,  
For the NOMA Board:  
Nancy Coleman, Chair

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